

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region IX

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Comment Period Closes: May 28, 2010

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act. The USEPA is proposing to issue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (No. NM0020958) to BIA Wingate High School wastewater treatment facility, located at the intersection of Shush Drive and Highway 400, in the community of Fort Wingate, McKinley County, New Mexico, within the southeastern portion of the Navajo Nation.

The Wingate High School treatment facility serves a population of approximately 800, receiving only domestic sewage with a design flow of 0.1 million gallons per day ("MGD"). Treatment includes a three-cell, gravity flow evaporation system with aeration, polishing and evaporation, and disinfection by chlorination and dechlorination prior to discharge. The proposed permit will regulate the discharge of treated effluent from the lagoon treatment plant to an unnamed wash of the Puerco River, a tributary of the Lower Colorado River.

EPA is soliciting comments on the proposal. EPA will consider all comments received during comment period before taking final action. To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including the proposed permits and administrative records, please contact:

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